1	2	3	4
Meghalaya		—	
Mizoram		—	—
Nagaland		—	—
Rajasthan		—	—
Tamil Nadu		1	—
Uttar Pradesh		—	5
West Bengal	2	—	—
Andaman & Nicobar (UT)		—	—
Delhi		8	7
TOTAL:	21	11	18

At present All India Radio has a total of 50 Shortwave Transmitters.

SC/ST/OBC Vacancies lying vacant in Banks

2082. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will

the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of vacancies in Group 'D' post in the reserved categories of SC, ST and OBC have been lying vacant in Oriental Bank of Commerce, Canara Bank and Bank of Baroda in their Delhi/New Delhi offices since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange have been awaiting in queue for their interviews/selection in Canara Bank, Con. Place, New Delhi since long; and

(c) if so, action contemplated in the matter by each Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (c) As reported by Oriental Bank of Commerce, Bank of Baroda & Canara Bank the vacancies in their subordinate cadres reserved for SC, ST and OBC categories in their Delhi/New Delhi offices are as under:—

	SC	ST	OBC
Oriental Bank of Commerce	1	1	2
Bank of Baroda	1	—	3
Canara Bank	2	6	4

'(includes two posts of part time employees)

All the three banks have initiated action to fill the reserved vacancies.

(b) Canara Bank has reported that one candidate belonging to general category sponsored by the Employment Exchange has been engaged on leave vacancy at its Connaught Circus Office, New Delhi. The said candidate has already been empanelled for regular employment in the bank.

Disposal of Confiscated Goods

2083. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of confiscated goods by the Customs during 1992-93, 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(b) how the confiscated goods are disposed off by the custom and what is the revenue from such disposal during 1992-93, 1994-95 and 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal received for NRI and Tax-Free Bonds from Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited

2084. SMT. ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal received form the Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited for approval of issue of NRI Bonds and Tax Free Bonds pending with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Ltd. (SSNNL) had sought permission to issue tax-free bonds as well as bonds to NRIs on repartiable basis. According to current policy, issue of tax-free bonds is restricted to only those undertakings which are wholly or partly owned by Central Government. Hence, Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited was advised that it could consider issuing taxable bonds to domestic and NRI investors subject to the guidelines of the Securities and Exchange Board of India in this regard.

Financial Institutions to buy shares in Cosmatic companies

2085. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the circumstances for financial institutions to buy shares in cosmetic companies, hotels, etc.;

(b) whether it is a fact that large capital is being blocked in such companies;

(c) whether Government will review the necessity of scarce capital being held up in non-priority sector companies; and

(d) whether any decision will be taken to review this policy of buying equity without any public purpose.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that financial institutions (FIs) such as IDBI and Industrial, Finance Corporation of India Ltd. (IFCI) invest in equity of Industrial units as a part of their normal project financing operations. The magnitude of investment in equity of industrial units depends upon the means of finance of the project and the commercial assessment of the FIs.

IDBI has also reported that it has no shareholding in cosmetic manufacturing companies. The investment by IDBI in share capital of hotels works out to about 0.6% of the total shareholding of IDBI in companies. IFCI has reported that its investment in share capital of hotel and tourism related companies and detergent units was about 0.7% of the total assets of IFCI as on 31.3.1995.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Effect of Abolition of Target Values on Different Types of Yarn

2086. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the additional burden on domestic textile industry due to abolition of tariff values both on polyester yarn and texturised yarn;

(b) what will be the effect on prices of twisted and dyed yarn; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to meet the difficulties being faced by integrated producers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a)